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SUBJECT: THIRD CMTE BRANDS ZIONISM AS FORM OF RACISM

1. AFTER LONG AND HEATED PROCEDURAL WRANGLE THIRD COMMITTEE  
ADOPTED RESOLUTION BRANDING ZIONSIM AS A DORM OF RACISM BY  
VOTE OF 70-29(US)-27. THIS RESULT ACHIEVED ONLY AFTER VICIOUS  
ARAB STEAMROLLER PUSHED COMMITTEE TO DECISION.

2. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING SEVERAL AFRICANS AND MEMBERS  
OF WEO GROUP, SOUGHT THROUGH FORCE OF LANGUAGE, RATIONALITY, AND A  
SENSE OF HUMAN DECENCY TO OVERCOME ARAB AND CUBAN FILLIBUSTER. THEIR  
EFFORTS FAILED, BUT THEY WERE MADE WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION.  
ON THE KEY VOTE TO DEFER RESOLUTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR THE MAJORITY OF  
AFRICAN STATES EITHER VOTE WITH US OR ABSTAINED.

3. AS THE EVENTS INVOLVED HAVE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, THEY WILL BE FULLY  
COVERED IN SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM.

4. TEXT OF US STATEMENT, DELIVERED IN CHARGED ATMOSPHERE AND FOLLOWED  
WITH FIXED ATTENTION, FOLLOWS:

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STATEMENT BY LEONARD GARMENT, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, IN  
COMMITTEE THREE, ON EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION, OCTOBER 17, 1975.

MY DELEGATION HAS READ THE NEW PROPOSAL BEFORE US. IT IS  
UNUSUALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. IT ASKS TO DETERMINE "THAT ZIONISM IS A  
FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

AS SIMPLE AS THIS LANGUAGE IS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WHAT MAY  
NOT BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD IS THAT THIS RESOLUTION ASKS US TO COMMIT ONE  
OF THE MOST GRIEVOUS ERRORS IN THE 30-YEAR LIFE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

THIS COMMITTEE IS PREPARING ITSELF, WITH DELIBERATION AND FORE-  
KNOWLEDGE, TO PERFORM A SUPREME ACT OF DECEIT, TO MAKE A MASSIVE  
ATTACK ON THE MORAL REALITIES OF THE WORLD.

UNDER THE GUISE OF PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE RACISM THE UNITED  
NATIONS IS AT THE POINT OF OFFICIALLY ENDORSING ANTI-SEMITISM, ONE OF  
THE OLDEST AND MOST VIRULENT FORMS OF RACISM KNOWN TO HUMAN HISTORY.  
THIS DRAFT EXPLICITLY ENCOURAGES THE RACISM KNOWN AS ANTI-SEMITISM  
EVEN AS IT WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE THAT IT WORDS WILL LEAD TO THE  
ELIMINATION OF RACISM.

I CHOOSE MY WORDS CAREFULLY WHEN I SAY THAT THIS IS AN OBSCENE  
ACT. THE UNITED STATES PROTEST THIS ACT. BUT PROTEST ALONE IS NOT  
ENOUGH. IN FAIRNESS TO OURSELVES WE MUST ALSO ISSUE A WARNING. THIS  
RESOLUTION PLACES THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN JEOPARDY.

THE LANGUAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION DISTORTS AND PERVERTS. IT  
CHANGES WORDS WITH PRECISE MEANINGS INTO PURVEYORS OF CONFUSION. IT  
DESTROYS THE MORAL FORCE OF THE CONCEPT OF RACISM, MAKING IT NOTHING  
MORE THAN AN EPITHET TO BE FLUNG ARBITRARILY AT ONE'S ADVERSARY.  
IT BLINDS US TO AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT, AND DEPRIVES US  
THE CLARITY OF VISION WE DESPERATELY NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND RESOLVE  
THE DIFFERENCES AMONG US. AND WE ARE HERE TO OVERCOME OUR  
DIFFERENCES, NOT TO DEEPEN THEM.

ZIONISM IS A MOVEMENT WHICH HAS AS ITS CONTEMPORARY THRUST THE  
PRESERVATION OF THE SMALL REMNANT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THAT SURVIVED  
THE HORRORS OF A RACIAL HOLOCAUST. BY EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM,  
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THIS RESOLUTION DISCREDITS THE GOOD FAITH OF OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO  
FIGHT ACTUAL RACISM. IT DISCREDITS THESE EFFORTS MORALLY AND IT  
CRIPPLES THEM POLITICALLY.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION HAS ALREADY DISRUPTED OUR  
EFFORTS HERE TO WORK TOGETHER ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND IT  
WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. ENCOURAGING ANTI-SEMITISM AND GROUP HOSTILI-  
TY, IT ADOPTION WOULD BRING TO AN END OUR ABILITY TO COOPERATE ON

ELIMINATING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL  
WORK OF THE DECADE.

ONE AGAIN OUR FAILURE TO REASON TOGETHER HAS ENCOURAGED SOME  
DELEGATIONS TO EXPLOIT OUR COLLECTIVE SHORTCOMINGS AND INDIVIDUAL  
VULNERABILITIES AND IMPEDE OUR ATTEMPTS TO FURTHER THE PROTECTION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

THE UNITED NATIONS, THROUGHOUT ITS 30-YEARS HISTORY, HAS NOT  
LIVED BY THE FORCE OF MAJORITIES; IT HAS NOT LIVED BY THE FORCE OF  
ARMS. IT HAS LIVED ONLY--I REPEAT, ONLY--BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN THOUGHT  
THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, ASSEMBLED TOGETHER, WOULD GIVE VOICE  
TO THE MOST DECENT AND HUMAN INSTINCTS OF MANKIND. FROM THIS  
THOUGHT HAS COME THE MORAL AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FROM  
THIS THOUGHT ITS INFLUENCE UPON HUMAN AFFAIRS.

ACTION LIKE THIS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED. THEY DO NOT SUCCEED  
WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES, MANY OF WHICH WHILE ONLY IMPERFECTLY PERCEIVED  
AT THE TIME SOON BECOME AN INERADICABLE PART OF NEW AND REGRETTABLE  
REALITY. LET US MAKE NO MISTAKE: AT RISK TODAY IS THE MORAL  
AUTHORITY WHICH IS THE UNITED NATIONS' ONLY ULTIMATE CLAIM FOR THE  
SUPPORT OF OUR PEOPLES.

THIS RISK IS AS RECKLESS AS IT IS UNNECESSARY. BUT IT IS  
STILL AVIODABLE.

ACCORDINGLY THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS A AND B.  
WE SUPPORT, WITHOUT RESERVATION, THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO  
COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. WE HAVE TAKEN PART IN  
THESE VITALLY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST AND WANT TO BE ABLE  
TO DO SO WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION IN THE FUTURE. WE WILL VOTE AGAINST  
THE THIRD RESOLUTION. WE CALL UPON OTHER DELEGATIONS TO DO LIKEWISE.

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ON ITS ADOPTION THE THIRD RESOLUTION BECOMES INSEPARABLY LINKED  
TO THE FIRST TWO. THEREFORE, IF ALL THREE ARE SENT TO PLENARY THE  
UNITED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST ALL THREE AT THAT TIME. UNQUOTE  
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